

July 19, 2002

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: *New England Power Company*, D.T.E. 02-33
Canal Electric Company /Cambridge Electric Light Company/
Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-34
The Connecticut Light and Power Company, D.T.E. 02-35

Dear Hearing Officer Reyes:

On June 12, you, as Hearing Officer, established a procedural schedule in the above-referenced matters. These three proceedings were consolidated for hearing and hearings were held, as set forth in the procedural schedule, on July 1-2, 2002. The procedural schedule calls for simultaneous initial briefs in these proceedings to be filed on Monday, July 22.

At this time, the New England Power Company, Canal Electric Company, *et al.*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, the Office of the Attorney General, and FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC (the proponents and full party intervenors in the above-referenced proceedings) (the "Parties") are engaged in settlement discussions with the goal of resolving all issues before the Department. In order to be able to pursue these discussions, however, it is critical that the Parties obtain a modest extension to the deadline for filing initial briefs. Accordingly, I am authorized by the Parties to request a two-day extension of the deadline for initial briefs in each proceeding to Wednesday, July 24, 2002. In requesting this extension, the Parties do not request an extension of the deadline for reply briefs. Therefore, the Parties do not believe that such an extension will delay the Department's consideration of these proceedings.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Klionsky
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and Power Company

cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Service List, D.T.E. 00-33, D.T.E. 00-34, D.T.E. 00-35